Trade of textile items with USA

3194. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile exports are still facing non-tariff barriers from USA though tariff regulation have been withdrawn as far as India in concerned; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking for free trade of textile items with USA?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The textile exports to USA are facing some Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) like labeling/marking requirements, compliance with labour and environmental standards, security parameters, verification of visas, etc. The issues of NTBs, tariff peaks, tariff escalations and high tariffs are being addressed through Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) negotiations under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in respect of import of Textiles and apparels in the developed countries including USA.

Progress of textile industry

3195. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile industry is making progress or not;

(b) what is the role of handloom sector and powerloom sector;

(c) whether handloom sector is in a bad shape;

(d) if so, reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the remedial measures planned?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Indian Textile Industry is progressing well which is reflected in the significant growth of spindleage capacity, yarn production and output of cloth.

Items	1999-2000	2004-05	2005-06(anticipated)
Spindleage Capacity (No. in millions)	37.08	37.46	37.89